

### III. Individual post-doctoral projects



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### Post-doctoral project 1:

#### New landscapes of publishing and knowledge dissemination

**Part of Work Package 2, 'Trends and developments'**

**Location: Bristol University, UK**

**Supervisor: Professor Susan Robertson**

**Objectives:** To generate an account of new forms of publishing and knowledge dissemination in higher education (actors, activities, histories, interests, effects) and to examine the consequences for dissemination and impact. To help facilitate knowledge exchange within the UNIKE training network.

**Background:** Commercial firms and university presses are long standing actors in the higher education sector involved in the dissemination of scientific knowledge. However over the past decade, there have been major changes in the nature, scope and reach of scientific publishing.

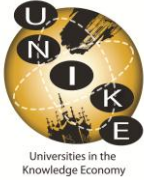
**Post-doctoral research:** to generate a critical account of the new forms of publishing and knowledge dissemination in higher education, and the implications of this for academic knowledge and practice.

**UNIKE-wide responsibilities:** To deploy the results of his/her research to develop innovative electronic spaces for contact and discussion among the post/doctoral researchers in each UNIKE work package and for dissemination of their research in impactful ways (e.g. student-run webinars, wikis, blogs). To organise the academic content of a UNIKE workshop on his/her research topic.

**Specific skills and aptitudes:** Applicants must be able to demonstrate skills in using electronic technologies, and in building collective and collegial activities across groups.

**Secondment or research visit:** A secondment to Berghahn's journal division in New York for data gathering and to widen the researcher's experience. Research visits to associated partners with a range of experience in publishing commercially and through professional associations are also available.

**Contacts for further information:** For questions about the project, please contact Susan Robertson, University of Bristol ([s.l.robertson@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:s.l.robertson@bristol.ac.uk)). To get information on living in Bristol, please consult <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study>



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#### Post-doctoral project 2:

#### Academic entrepreneurialism, civil society and democracy

Part of Work Package 2, 'Trends and developments'

Location: Copenhagen Campus, Aarhus University, Denmark

Supervisor: Professor Susan Wright

**Objectives:** To identify concepts and forms of universities' relations with 'surrounding society' and especially their roles in relation to civil society and democracy in contrasting countries in Europe and the Asia Pacific Rim. To explore academics' actual interactions with 'surrounding society' and whether new social forms of 'academic entrepreneurialism' are emerging.

**Background:** Universities in many countries are enjoined to use their resources to make an impact on 'surrounding society' but there is little systematic knowledge about the diversity of concepts and models used. Even less is known about the range of activities in which academics are actually engaged and the roles they think they are playing in shaping emerging forms of society and governance.

**UNIKE-wide responsibilities:** In addition to pursuing the above project, the researcher will gain management experience by assisting the Network Coordinator in managing training events and especially the Auckland summer school (assisting with financial management, networking, liaison with the local organizer, programme design, and preparing plans for the Management Board). The researcher will organise the academic content of a UNIKE workshop on this research topic.

**Specific skills and aptitudes:** A doctorate in anthropology or other relevant social science discipline is required. Applicants must demonstrate they have skills in analysing policy documents and institutional strategies and in participant observation and interviewing a range of people from decision makers and university leaders to academics and social actors. In addition to excellent communication skills in English, sufficient fluency in the language(s) of the countries selected for fieldwork is required.

**Secondment or research visit to partner:** Research visits to Bristol University and Auckland University to exchange results and theorise the new concept of 'academic entrepreneurialism'.

**Contacts for further information:** For questions about the project please contact Professor Susan Wright [suwr@dpu.dk](mailto:suwr@dpu.dk); for questions about studying at Aarhus University visit <http://ias.au.dk/international-academic-staff-ias> Note that the Department of Education (DPU) is located in Copenhagen. Information on living in Copenhagen [http://studies.ku.dk/housing/finding\\_housing\\_on\\_your\\_own](http://studies.ku.dk/housing/finding_housing_on_your_own)